MPO RESOLUTION # 16-04

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO TRANSFER \$15.5 MILLION IN FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDS TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY DOUBLE TRACKING PROJECT FOR TRI-RAIL SERVICES AND COMMITTING TO RESTORE THE FUNDS TO THE ATMS PROJECT IN FUTURE YEARS

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the MPO provide a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process, and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Council has been established and charged with the responsibility and duty of fulfilling the aforementioned functions, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has requested an advancement of funds previously committed by the MPO to the RTA so that construction of the double tracking project currently underway can be completed in a timely manner, and

WHEREAS, Broward and Palm Beach counties have approved a similar advancement of funds to RTA for the same purposes, and

WHEREAS, the RTA has also requested additional monies to make up for a revenue loss associated with a recent U.S. Census definition of the metropolitan area, and

WHEREAS, the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) federal funds assigned by the Miami-Dade MPO to the Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) administered by the Miami-Dade Public Works Department (MDPW) have been available for sometime and are not scheduled to be spent in the immediate future, and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Public Works has consented to this transfer of funds as long as the monies are fully restored to the ATMS project on a pre-agreed schedule beginning in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 at a rate of approximately 2 million dollars per year, and

WHEREAS, the TPC has reviewed the proposed FY 2004 TIP amendment, made a part hereof, and finds it consistent with the goals and objectives of the Transportation Plan for the Miami Urbanized Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA:

SECTION 1. That the amendment to the FY 2004 Transportation Improvement Program to transfer \$15.5 million in Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to the Regional Transportation Authority Double Tracking Project for Tri-Rail services as indicated in the attachment to this resolution is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. That the subject federal funds, which are currently available, are recommended to be transferred from the ATMS project to the Tri-Rail project.

SECTION 3. That the advanced federal funds are to be fully restored in future years to the ATMS project by the programming of an approximate amount of \$2 million dollars per year beginning in Fiscal Year 2006-2007.